

namely Pitch, Tar and Turpentine in part pay for the Goods.—It may be objected that the Goods are too few to send a Vessel with to Wilmington in reply to which I say if you should find a greater Amount on your own Account that it is my Opinion that I can dispose of them for you to advantage—I would not wish a Vessel coming to Wilmington to be above two hundred Tons Burthen nor under one hundred and fifty Tons and a Vessel of that Burthen can at any time in the Fall and Winter Season be loaded in thirty five days with naval stores and if proper Notice is given of the Time when she may be expected in much less.—The Assembly of this State which is about to set will certainly pass an Inspection Law by which every Person making Pitch, Tar and Turpentine will be obliged to put it in good tight Barrells made of seasoned Timber that will each hold about thirty Gallons—[3] From Wilmington before the War I believe more Pitch, Tar & Turpentine was shipped than from all America beside and it will again be the Case in a few years, that is as soon as the People can recover from the Damage they have sustained by the War—Wilmington you Know is situated on Cape-Fear River about Twenty Miles from the Sea and the Bar or Entrance into Cape-Fear River I assure you upon my Word is better than that of Charleston.—I have lately crossed both—I think I can venture to assure you that after November 1785 I can ship in any Fall and Winter ten thousand Barrels of Naval Stores in Payment for which Bills on almost any Part of Europe would be very acceptable or the Goods that might be shipped from Bremen could be received in Payment—Should you ever send a Vessel to Wilmington I wish you to send two Barrels of Tar and two of Pitch of the best quality at the Bremen Markett by way of a Sample to our Tar and Pitch Makers—You informed me that you had a Friend at Lisbon and another at Cadiz you will much oblige me by giving me their Names [4] and by giving them mine and Place of Residence and by requesting them to write me frequently by way of Philadelphia or Baltimore and inform me the Prices current of every kind of Merchandize at their Marketts particularly of Pitch Tar, Turpentine, Rosin & the Spirit of Turpentine I should also be glad to be Known to your Friends in Bremen and to be favoured with the Prices current of Pitch, Tar, Turpentine and Rosin at that Markett—Your Goodness I am sure will excuse this Trouble and I shall be glad to render you similar Services